Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 091872
ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PM-04
NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 DODE-00 /056 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/ARP:FHGERLACH/JWTWINAM:SLB
APPROVED BY NEA:MSTERNER
INR/RNA:DNEWTON (SUBS)
----------231904Z 096894 /47
R 230019Z APR 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY SANA

S E C R E T STATE 091872

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, YE

SUBJECT: YEMENI INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION

REF: (A) SANA 1501 (NOTAL); (B) SANA 1490; (C) SANA 1345

L. FOR JIDDA: IN REVIEWING YEMENI SITUATION AS OUTLINED IN THOUGHTFUL SANA REFTELS, DEPARTMENT WOULD BENEFIT FROM EMBASSY JIDDA'S ASSESSMENT OF YAR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS FROM SAUDI PERSPECTIVE. AS APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF YOU MAY WISH TO SUMMARIZE IN LOW KEY GENERALIZED FASHION EMBASSY SANA'S CONCERN ABOUT INTERNAL PROBLEMS FACING YARG. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SAUDI COMMENTS ON CURRENT YEMENI SITUATION.

2. FOR SANA: IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE YOUR LATEST ANALYSIS, IN SOME DEPTH, OF THE VARIOUS FORCES OPPOSED TO AL-HAMDI REGIME. IN PARTICULAR, WHAT ARE MAIN OPPOSITION
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 091872

GROUPS? TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THEY TRIBAL, WITHOUT DEEP IDEOLOGICAL UNDERPINNINGS? WHAT ARE THEIR FOREIGN CONNECTIONS, IF ANY? WHAT LOCAL POLITICAL ALLIANCES HAVE THEY BEEN, OR WILL THEY BE, ABLE TO ESTABLISH? WHAT MIGHT BE RESULT IF THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN FORCING AL-HAMDI OUT OF OFFICE?

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

3. WE WANT TO BE MOST CAREFUL TO AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION THAT IT IS U.S. POLICY TO BECOME ENTANGLED IN YAR INTERNAL POLITICS. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN OUR ROLE IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR AL-HAMDI REGIME AS WELL AS OUR CONCERN FOR POLITICAL STABILITY IN PENINSULA, WE HAVE OBVIOUS INTEREST IN YAR POLITICAL TRENDS INSOFAR AS THEY AFFECT BASIC U.S. INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES. AS FAR AS YAR-SAUDI RELATIONS ARE CONCERNED, OUR INTERESTS CLEARLY ARE NOT ALWAYS IDENTICAL WITH SAUDIS' INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY INSOFAR AS INVOLVEMENT IN YAR INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS CONCERNED. WHILE WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE BROADSAUDI-YAR COOPERATION, AND INDEED ARE MAKING SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION TO THIS END, WE DO NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE EITHER SIDE TO BELIEVE THEY CAN LOOK AUTOMATICALLY TO USG AS GO-BETWEEN IN SMOOTHING OUT THE INEVITABLE FRICTIONS WHICH DEVELOP IN YAR-SAUDI RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING POLITICAL PERSONALITIES.
VANCE

SECRET

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INSTRUCTIONS, INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 23-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE091872
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: FHGERLACH/JWTWINAM:SLB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770142-1038
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770426/aaaaavwl.tel
Line Count: 80
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e5ec16a0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 SANA 1501, 77 SANA 1490, 77 SANA 1345
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2713776
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: YEMENI INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION
TAGS: PINT, YE
To: JIDDA
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e5ec16a0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009